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The reply filed on June 1, 2004 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): In electing the claims of Group II applicant was further required to elect between the species of Figures 3, 5, 9, 10, and a press fit replaceable insert. Applicant elected the species represented by independent claim 16 and dependent claims 17-26. However, these claims include more than one species, e.g. claim 18 is drawn to Fig. 5 and claim 19 is drawn to a press fit removable insert. Applicant is required to elect a single disclosed species and to list the claims readable thereon. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be bona fide, applicant is given ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to John J. Vrablik whose telephone number is (703) 308-2629. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (8:30-5:00).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thomas E. Denion can be reached on (703) 308-2623. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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